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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

THE ESTATE OF RICHARD
RISHER, JR., and LISA SIMPSON,

Plaintiffs,

v.

CITY OF LOS ANGELES,
FRANCISCO ZARAGOZA, ISAAC
FERNANDEZ, JOSE CHAVEZ,
RICHARD RISHER, SR., and Does
1 through 10, inclusive,

Defendants.

**Case No. EDCV 17-00995-MWF
(DTBx)**

The Honorable Michael W. Fitzgerald,
United States District Judge

JUDGMENT AFTER TRIAL

On July 29, 2020, this Court granted summary judgment in favor of Defendants Francisco Zaragoza and Jose Chavez on the Fourteenth Amendment claim brought against them. This Court granted summary judgment in favor of all Defendants on Plaintiffs' *Monell* and Bane Act claims. The Court left for trial the Fourteenth Amendment claim brought by Plaintiff The Estate of Richard Risher, Jr. against Defendants Francisco Zaragoza, Isaac Fernandez, and Jose Chavez. The Court left for

1 trial the Fourteenth Amendment claim brought by Plaintiff Lisa Simpson against
2 Defendant Isaac Fernandez and Plaintiff Lisa Simpson's negligence claim against
3 Defendants Francisco Zaragoza, Isaac Fernandez, and Jose Chavez. Claims against
4 Richard Risher, Sr., were not pursued at trial and the claims against him were not
5 included in the Final Pretrial Conference Order (Docket No. 300).

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7 These remaining claims came on regularly for jury trial between January 28,
8 2025, and February 10, 2025, in Courtroom 5A of this United States District Court.
9 Plaintiffs The Estate of Richard Risher, Jr. and Lisa Simpson were represented by
10 Ryan G. Baker, Esq., Ms. Teresa Lenore Huggins, Esq., Samuel Standage Meehan,
11 Esq., Gayane Moran, Esq., Jose R. Nuno, Esq., and Riley Portz Smith, Esq., of
12 Waymaker LLP. Defendants City of Los Angeles and Jose Chavez were represented
13 by Irving R. Estrada, Esq., of the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office. Defendant
14 Francisco Zaragoza was represented by Mark W. Waterman, Esq. and Lauren Jasmine
15 Collins, Esq., of Lozano Smith LLP. Defendant Isaac Fernandez was represented by
16 Thomas C. Hurrell, Esq. and Katherine Orletsky, Esq., of Hurrell Cantrall LLP.

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18 A jury of seven persons was regularly empaneled and sworn. Witnesses were
19 sworn and testified, and exhibits were admitted into evidence. After hearing the
20 evidence and arguments of counsel, the jury was duly instructed by the Court and the
21 cause was submitted to the jury. The jury deliberated and thereafter returned a verdict
22 in pertinent part as follows:

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FOURTH AMENDMENT

1. Did the Plaintiff Estate prove by a preponderance of the evidence its claim based on the violation of Richard Risher's Fourth Amendment rights? (Instruction Nos. 15, 16)

Yes *No*

- a. Defendant Isaac Fernandez ☐ ☒
- b. Defendant Francisco Zaragoza ☐ ☒
- c. Defendant Jose Chavez ☐ ☒

FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT

2. Did Plaintiff Lisa Simpson prove by a preponderance of the evidence her claim against Defendant Isaac Fernandez based on the violation of her Fourteenth Amendment rights? (Instruction No. 17).

Yes ☐ No ☒

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WRONGFUL DEATH BASED ON NEGLIGENCE

3. Did Plaintiff Lisa Simpson prove by a preponderance of the evidence her claim for wrongful death caused by negligence? (Instruction No. 18).

Yes

No

a. Defendant Isaac Fernandez ☐ ☒

b. Defendant Francisco Zaragoza ☐ ☒

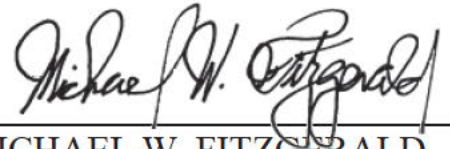
c. Defendant Jose Chavez ☐ ☒

Now, therefore, pursuant to Rules 54 and 58 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that final judgment in this action be entered as follows:

1. Judgment is entered in favor of Defendant City of Los Angeles and Plaintiff Estate of Richard Risher, Jr. and Plaintiff Lisa Simpson shall take nothing.
2. Judgment is entered in favor of Defendant Francisco Zaragoza and Plaintiff Estate of Richard Risher, Jr. and Plaintiff Lisa Simpson shall take nothing.
3. Judgment is entered in favor of Defendant Isaac Fernandez and Plaintiff Estate of Richard Risher, Jr. and Plaintiff Lisa Simpson shall take nothing.
4. Judgment is entered in favor of Defendant Jose Chavez and Plaintiff Estate of Richard Risher, Jr. and Plaintiff Lisa Simpson shall take nothing.

1 5. Defendants City of Los Angeles, Francisco Zaragoza, Isaac Fernandez,
2 and Jose Chavez shall recover their respective costs as provided by law.
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4 Dated: February 24, 2025.
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7 MICHAEL W. FITZGERALD
8 United States District Judge
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